

Next Neighborhood Meeting at 6:30pm August 3 at Lincoln Lane

Dinner and name tags provided; we ask that you include your name and street you live on.

Letter from the President

Happy August Friends! I can't believe it, next month is our TENTH ANNUAL STREET FEST!!! It feels like it has come so fast. A couple of repetitive reminders that I keep repeating, so hopefully no one will forget.

One, our neighborhood association was founded in 1996 which means we're officially 30 years old. We're doing our 30 for 30 this year and we've got punch cards with 30 spots on them so if you attend 30 different neighborhood events this year's there will be an epic prize!

Two, Street Fest, Street Fest, Street Fest. We will be all hands-on deck the day of Sept 12th. So, if you haven't had the chance to pitch in and help and would like to the day of the Fest, please let us know. Our next neighborhood meeting is August 3rd at 6:30pm, join us at the Lincoln Center (home of Lincoln Lane Coffee). Hope we see you there and hope you're having a fantastic summer.



BNA President, Brandon Mott

Festival Update

The 10th Annual Bates-Hendricks Street Fest will soon be here, and we'd love your support. We need sponsors and volunteers. Sponsoring helps cover costs and provides recognition for your business or name.

Volunteering is a great way to meet neighbors and keep everything running smoothly. We still need help setting up, vendor/performance assistance, and cleanup. Sponsorship is \$50; or consider helping by giving a couple of hours of your time. Heck, why not both? Thank you in advance for helping make our festival a safe, fun, community-filled day! Signup at [bateshendricks.org/street fest](https://bateshendricks.org/street-fest)



Street Fest Cleanup

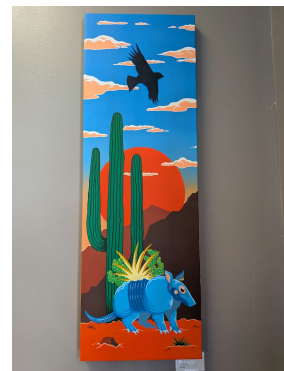
This is an important early callout for volunteers to help clean Lincoln Street September 5th at 10am. More details to come at the neighborhood meeting.

Neighborhood News

Miguel Hanza the proprietor of Hanza Realty (corner of East and Terrace) and his team installed the Bates-Hendricks sign at East and Prospect in 2016 and has maintained the median since. They are proud to be a part of and support Bates-Hendricks. If you get a chance, stop by the office and let the team know you appreciate them keeping the entry into our neighborhood via southbound East Street in such good shape. Recently, someone else trimmed down the bushes in the median after they had already been carefully trimmed by Hanza and now they may not survive. If you have issues with the median, reach out to Brandon Mott at President@BatesHendricks.org

Abandoned school update (Ringgold and Palmer) and a personal invitation below from board director, Nathaniel Scoggins (nathanielscoggins@bateshendricks.org): Thank you all for your interest in the future of the abandoned school that has undoubtedly had an impact on most of us for several years in one way or another. I believe we have assembled a fantastic group of concerned and committed neighbors & community groups that want to see the building/land move into its next chapter sooner rather than later. I invite you all to the Neighborhood Meeting on August 3rd at 6:30pm. I plan to address the current state of the building & update on where things stand with it. I will also be soliciting some feedback as we work on a unified message from the neighborhood to share with INHP that owns the building currently. Hope to see you all there!

Lincoln Lane News This month is featuring artist, Tylar Draws. Be sure to stop by one day this month and see his work. Maybe even pick something up that speaks to you. Toddler Tuesday meets the 2nd and 4th morning from 9-11 at Lincoln Lane Coffee for a casual caffeinated play date. Make new friends while the children play and also make new friends.



Iris Dig and Split Day August 8th at 10am. Bring a shovel and a bucket or bag if you'd like to take a few home. Come learn how to split irises and help these gorgeous blooms keep spreading! We will meet at the median on East by the old Speedway gas station.

Urban Times Articles for the September Urban Times have to be submitted by August 3rd, as the deadline to submit for publication is August 5th. Send your articles to news@bateshendricks.org



Camp Dat House Fundraiser

The Camp Dat House Bingo Fundraiser was a success. Thank you, Kismet Beer Company for hosting the event. Attendees enjoyed a camp food menu and adult camping beverages. Everyone had a great time socializing, getting to know one another, playing bingo and winning prizes, enjoying great camp grub, and, best of all raising money for the Dat House while having fun. Plan to attend the next Dat House Fundraiser, which features a Bocce Ball tournament and other games at Lacy Park. This is a great way to experience Bocce and perhaps like it enough to join the Italian Bocce Ball League. This fundraising event is scheduled for Saturday, September 26 at 1 pm. Save the date.



Updates from Our City-County Councilor, Kristin Jones

Past business

DPW is still hunting down approved trash cans to add to Lincoln Street. Kristin is working on getting barriers at the old Speedway.

No Ground Hog activity or destruction of property has been reported to date. Take advantage of Kristin's offer to follow up on Ground Hog sighting. If neighbors have any issues with groundhogs destroying property, etc., please send your issue directly to kristinljones17@gmail.com. Be sure to include the address or intersection where there is a ground issue and she will forward it to the Marion County Health Department. Please cc: your complaint to: news@bateshendricks.org. We will track and monitor the frequency of ground hog issues within the neighborhood.

Notes from meeting with Kristin in July

Land Use expressed concern and would like to have a say in the type of businesses that might replace the former Speedway and Ultimate Pizza sites. If a prospective business falls within the allowable zoning code (similar/same type of business that occupied the space previously), we have little to no recourse. We can however, express deep concern should the business be undesirable by the majority of our residents.

It's been expressed by several that they do not want Vape shops, Liquor stores, and additional bars. These types of businesses must request a variance, which is flagged to the Land Use Committee. Because a variance directly affects Bates-Hendricks, we are granted the use of an automatic extension for additional review (which is the typical approach). Kristin can request and will use her additional extension as well. Several communities use this approach for delays and often, the petitioner doesn't elect to continue the project.

Another effective way we can express our disapproval is through petitions and voicing opposition at Zoning Hearings. As we hear more, we'll ask for your input, thoughts, ideas and suggestions.

Airbnbs

The Traffic at the east end of Parkway as well through Bates-Hendricks with vehicles blocking access to driveways, parking close to Alleys, parking on the sidewalks, and etc., Kristin wants us to call 311 and report it. She said several communities are using this and seeing results. I know this works, as on Lincoln I reported 2 underage parties at the same house with loud music. It was not right away, but IMPD did come and emptied out the house and warned the Airbnb owner that one more incident is citation and fines (three incident reports triggers action). Kristin is committed to searching records to see if Airbnbs that we report to 311 are registered with the city. If not, it is a violation. Please report these to news@bateshendricks.org, as we are compiling a history and will forward it on to Kristin.

Kristin Recommends if you see something say something. This includes Airbnb issues, contractors parked on the sidewalk, vehicles in violation of parking, especially where here to corner signs exist, vehicles blocking roadways, suspicious behavior, illegal burning (any fire other than a campfire), high grass, illegal dumping to call 311. Kristin feels that residents don't use this reporting tool as much as needed.

Many of you may have expressed that you've had issues when attempting to file on the Request Indianapolis website, including not able to access the site and experienced malfunctions. Kristin is aware and the city is working on the issue.

Kristin was intrigued at the suggestion during a Bates-Hendricks monthly meeting to cut down the frequency of heavy garbage truck traffic through the alleys which should help reduce pot holes. Trash cans would be placed on only one side of the alley on trash pick-up day. This reduces truck pick-up to only one trip down the alley instead of two, limiting heavy trucks travelling alleys from 104 times to 52 times a year.

Kristin can be reached at Kristin.Jones@indy.gov 317-680-6869. You can also express your concerns at news@bateshendricks.org which will be expressed to Kristin at the monthly sit-downs.

Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association strives to improve the quality of life of those living in the neighborhood through efforts to assure safety, to maintain or improve the living environment, and to enhance the spirit of cooperation and neighborliness among all residents. We meet on the first Monday of even months at The Lincoln Center (516 Lincoln Street) at 6:30pm. Annual dues are \$10 for households and \$25 for businesses. Please mail dues to Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association, PO Box 342, Indianapolis, IN 46206. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at bateshendricks.org.



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Upcoming

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING THIS MONTH. 6:30pm on Monday, August 3rd at the Lincoln Center at 516 Lincoln Street (northeast corner of East Street and Lincoln Street). Don't forget food will be provided. We are providing name tags and we ask you to put down your name and your street so new neighbors and old can get acquainted.

Aug 04 Lakeshore Recycling Services (LRS) pickup. More info at www.LRSrecycles.com.

Aug 08 Iris Dig and Split day. 10 am at the median by the old Speedway.

Aug 10 Quality of Life Meeting, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This committee works to improve the East Street corridor, maintain our greenspaces, and other quality of life objectives. For more information, contact QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org.

Aug 11 Neighborhood News Letter Articles Due. Submit it to news@bateshendricks.org for inclusion in the neighborhood newsletter / Urban Times.

Aug 18 Land Use Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, online. This committee considers zoning, development, and property issues in Bates-Hendricks with the goal of ensuring peaceful co-existence among residents and businesses. Contact LandUse@bateshendricks.org for more information.

Aug 18 Lakeshore Recycling Services (LRS) pickup. More info at www.LRSrecycles.com.

Aug 18 Heavy Trash Pickup. Two Items are allowed for pickup and place near your trash can.

Garden Nights, every Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, May through October, Bates-Hendricks Community Garden, 302 Lincoln Street. Our community garden serves as a shared green space where neighbors come together to grow fresh food, cultivate beauty, and strengthen community connections. Whether you're an experienced gardener or planting your very first seed, there's a place for you here. It's a great opportunity to lend a hand, learn something new, and enjoy the garden together. Follow our Instagram [@Bateshendricks_communitygarden](https://www.instagram.com/Bateshendricks_communitygarden) for weekly updates or email Beautification@bateshendricks.org.